# **USGS-NPS Vegetation Mapping Program Congaree Swamp National Monument**

## Successional Pine - Mixed Hardwood Upland Forest

COMMON NAME Successional Pine - Mixed Hardwood Upland Forest

**SYNONYM** 

PHYSIOGNOMIC CLASS Forest (I.)

PHYSIOGNOMIC SUBCLASS Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest (I.C.)

PHYSIOGNOMIC GROUP Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold -deciduous forest (I.C.3.)

PHYSIOGNOMIC SUBGROUP Natural/Semi-natural (I.C.3.N.)

FORMATION Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold -deciduous forest (I.C.3.N.a.)

ALLIANCE No alliance yet developed

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENCE LEVEL 1

USFWS WETLAND SYSTEM Upland

**RANGE** 

Globally

Successional Pine - Mixed Hardwood Upland Forest occurs throughout the southeastern United States.

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This forest type occurs in various upland locations of the park.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION

Globally

Successional Pine - Mixed Hardwood Upland Forest occurs in disturbed habitats and most commonly develops following agriculture and timbering.

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Successional Pine - Mixed Hardwood Upland Forest occurs in the uplands of the park on various soils on flatlands or moderate slopes.

#### MOST ABUNDANT SPECIES

Globally

Global type not yet developed.

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Stratum Species

Tree canopy Pinus taeda, Quercus nigra, Liquidambar styraciflua

Tree subcanopy various

Shrub various, often *Vaccinium* spp. and *Gaylussacia* spp.

Herbaceous various

DIAGNOSTIC SPECIES

Globally

Global type not yet developed.

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Pinus taeda, Quercus nigra, Liquidambar styraciflua, Quercus alba, and Nyssa sylvatica in uplands.

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VEGETATION DESCRIPTION *Globally* Global type not yet developed.

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There is a relatively high level of variation in species composition within occurrences of this forest within the park. All occurrences are dominated by *Pinus taeda* and *Quercus nigra*. The successional relationships to other community types determines other species found in each occurrence. Some occurrences will have *Asimina triloba* and *Carpinus caroliniana* in the understory, with *Vaccinium elliottii* and *Callicarpa americana* in the shrub layer, and *Mitchella repens, Sanicula canadensis, Chimaphila maculata*, and others in the herbaceous layer. Other tree species in these examples include *Carya glabra, Quercus alba, Fagus grandifolia, Ilex opaca, Cornus florida*, and others. Drier occurrences will have, in addition to *Pinus taeda* and *Quercus nigra*, some combination of dry-site species that include *Quercus stellata, Nyssa sylvatica, Gaylussacia dumosa, Gaylussacia frondosa, Eupatorium rotundifolium*, and others.

#### OTHER NOTEWORTHY SPECIES

CONSERVATION RANK GM

RANK JUSTIFICATION

DATABASE CODE No database code will be assigned.

**COMMENTS**